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I. 35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejection

"The limitation of 'overlapping layers' is not clear. Figure 3 of the claim invention shows three separate layers of three different materials/densities but fails to clarify overlapping layers. Need proper correction and clarification as per original disclosure. For examining purpose the examiner is interpreting it as 'three separate layers of three different materials/densities'." Office Action at 2.

Applicant seeks to clarify the reason for the § 112 rejection of claims 30 and 54 in order to determine what steps are needed to resolve any alleged indefiniteness.

II. Application Claims (as amended on March 1, 2010)

Claim 30 - A process for producing a refuse derived solid fuel and feeding said fuel to a combustion plant, which comprises:

providing a first component consisting of a dry fraction of solid urban waste in a shredded form;

providing at least one second component in a shredded form selected from an elastomeric material and a thermoplastic material, or mixtures thereof;

separately metering and feeding said first shredded component and said at least one second shredded component onto a continuous conveyor in such a way so as to form overlapping layers of said shredded components on said continuous conveyor

Claim 54 - A plant for producing a refuse derived solid fuel, comprising:

at least one storage container for a first component consisting of a dry fraction of solid urban waste in a shredded form; . . .

at least one storage container for at least one second component in shredded form selected from an elastomeric material and a thermoplastic material; . . .

at least one continuous conveyor onto which said shredded components are fed separately by said feeding and metering devices so as to form overlapping layers of said shredded components on said continuous conveyor;